CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Minutes of Meeting 93-8

of the

Engineering and Computer Science Faculty Council

held

Friday, October 15, 1993

Present: Professors D.J. Taddeo, (Chair), M.O. Ahmad, V.S. Alagar, R.B. Bhat, S. Cheung, M.M. El-Badry, P.P. Fazio, J.C. Giguère, G. Gouw, F.D. Hamblin, A.M. Hanna, J.F. Hayes, W.M. Jaworski, K. Khorasani, T. Krepec, C. Marsh, J. Opatrny, O.A. Pekau, R. Shinghal, T. Stathopoulos, K. Thulasiraman, R. Zmeureanu; Prof. G.H. Vatistas (Graduate Studies), Lee Harris (Library), M. Fazio, O. Zafrir, (U/G Reps.), M. El-Karmalawy (Grad. Rep.), J.L. Hall (Secretary).

Absent with apology: Profs. K. Ha-Huy, A. Krzyzak, C.Y. Suen, G.D. Xistris; Prof. B. MacKay (V.-R. Academic Rep.), T.L. Swift (Registrar's Office), M. Cinquino, R. Richer, K. Rokas, (U/G Reps.) and R. Vallurupalli (Grad. Rep.).

Visitors: Profs. S. Kubina, A.S. Ramamurthy; R. Martin (Registrar's Office), L. Zack (Public Relations).

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 93-8-1 The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion presented by Dr. Vatistas and seconded by Prof. Hamblin.

2. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed to Council Dr. Gerard Gouw of the Mechanical Engineering Department. Prof. Gouw is the temporary replacement for Dr. V. Latinovic who is on sick leave.

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END OF CLOSED SESSION

5. Graduate Curriculum Changes

Motion 93-8-8 Moved that the additions, changes and the proposal for a Joint Masters Option recommended in the Graduate Studies Committee report (ECFC Doc. 93-8-4) under the heading of "Department of Mechanical Engineering" be approved by Council and recommended to Senate.

The following two points were raised during the discussion of this motion:

- In the English title of the proposed new course ENGR 796, the word "stage" appears which does not have the same meaning in English as in French (i.e. internship). To avoid any confusion it was suggested

that the word be italicized in the English title to indicate that it implies the word's French meaning.

- That in the course description of ENGR 621 the word "p-theorem" be replaces by the word "π-theorem" to correctly indicate the course content.

With these changes motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Motion 93-8-9 Be it resolved that Council approves the course ELEC 674 Computer Architecture and Design and recommends to Senate and the Council of the School of Graduate Studies that it be included in the 1994-95 Graduate Curriculum and Calendar. Also that Council approves this course as a slot course for the 1994 Winter Term.

This motion was carried on a unanimous vote.

6. Documents Received

6.1. Report of the Task Force on Senate Reform ECFC Doc. 93-8-1

6.2. Second Annual Report of the Sexual Harassment Office ECFC Doc. 93-8-2

6.3. Proposed Policy Statement on Educational Equity ECFC Doc. 93-8-3

The Chair advised Council that the documentation for these three items should be circulated with in the Departments for discussion and that Departmental responses to them be brought back to Council at the next meeting.

The Chair stated that the document concerning Senate Reform bears careful consideration since it will change the size and functioning of Senate. Prof. Hamblin advised Council that as a member of the Task Force he was amazed at the level of mistrust of the Administration and Governors held by members of the University Community. He also stated that although his name appears on the document, he does not necessarily agree with several of the recommendations and that these did not all receive unanimous consensus. Therefore the document warrants serious discussion at the Faculty level.

With respect to the Annual Report of the Sexual Harassment Office the Chair felt that it deserves serious review.

The Chair indicated that the Proposed Policy on Educational Equity also is a document that warrants careful deliberation at the Departmental level.

The Chair requested that these documents be discussed in the departments and positions brought back to Council in one month's time.
The purpose responding to the Annual Report of the Sexual Harassment Office was questioned since it is just that, an Annual Report. As a result the following motion was proposed and carried:

Motion 93-8-10 That the Engineering and Computer Science Faculty Council, having received the Annual Report of the Sexual Harassment Office and having taken cognizance of its contents, express its thanks to the Office for their good work in the community.

As a result of the above motion the timing of the response to the remaining two documents resulted in the following motion:

Motion 93-8-11 That the documents "Report of the Task Force on Senate Reform" (ECFC Doc. 93-8-1) and "Proposed Policy Statement on Educational Equity" (ECFC Doc. 93-8-3) be discussed at the Department Councils and their responses be presented to Faculty Council for discussion at its December Meeting.

This motion received a unanimous vote.

7. Other Business.

7.1 Order of Engineers of Quebec

The Chair reminded all members that representatives of the Order of Engineers of Quebec will be meeting with anyone who is not registered with the Order to provide information and to take applications. He stated that in view of the approaching Accreditation Review it is important for the Faculty to have as many registered engineers as possible and encouraged those in the Faculty who are not registered to attend the information session scheduled for October 26, 1993 at 4:00 p.m.

7.2 Annual Awards Ceremony

The Faculty's Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled to be held on November 24, 1993 and all are encouraged to attend to support and congratulate the award recipients

8. Adjournment.

Adjournment was moved at 3:30 p.m.